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TOFTE CASE

MOSCOW DOMESTIC SERVICE IN RUSSIAN 1657Z 4 AUG 66 L

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(INTERNATIONAL DIARY BY VIKTOR LEVIN)

(TEXT) WASHINGTON--A SCANDAL HAS BROKEN IN THE CIA. EVERYTHING STARTED WHEN A SENIOR CIA OFFICIAL, TOFTE, WAS CARELESS ENOUGH TO EXPRESS HIS DISPLEASURE WITH THE APPOINTMENT OF HELMS TO THE POST OF DIRECTOR OF THE AGENCY. HELMS, HAVING HEARD ABOUT THIS, DECIDED TO TAKE HIS REVENGE. MAKING USE OF THE FACT THAT TOFTE HAD ADVERTISED HIS HOUSE FOR SALE, HELMS SENT A SECRET AGENT TO THE HOUSE IN THE GUISE OF A PURCHASER. THIS AGENT "DISCOVERED" CLASSIFIED DOCUMENTS IN THE HOUSE, WHICH TOFTE HAD ALLEGEDLY TAKEN HOME FROM WORK WITHOUT PERMISSION.

SOON CIA AGENTS AGAIN CALLED AT TOFTE'S HOUSE. THIS TIME THEY DID NOT DISGUISE THEMSELVES BUT CONFISCATED THE CLASSIFIED DOCUMENTS OFFICIALLY. TOFTE HIMSELF WAS SUMMONED TO HIS GRIM CHIEF TO BE PUT ON THE CARPET.

THIS AFFAIR WOULD HAVE REMAINED WITHIN THE THICK WALLS OF THE CIA BUT FOR ONE MINOR DETAIL: AFTER THE SECRET AGENTS VISIT VALUABLES WORTH SOME 30,000 DOLLARS IN ROUND FIGURES HAD DISAPPEARED FROM TOFTE'S HOUSE

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FROM TOFTE'S HOUSE. THE POLICE INTERFERED AND THE WHOLE AFFAIR BECAME PUBLIC. NOW, TO SAVE FACE, THE EXECUTIVE OF THE CIA HAS PROMISED TO HELP IN THE SEARCH FOR THE VALUABLES. EVEN IF THEY SHOULD MANAGE TO ACCOMPLISH THIS, HOWEVER, NOTHIN WILL CHANGE. IN THE UNITED STATES THEFT IS AN EVERYDAY OCCURRENCE, BUT THE MORALS OF THE CIA HAVE SHAKEN EVEN MANY AMERICANS.

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